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THE FAILING OFF IN IMPORTS and the enormous increase in our export trade is one of the healthy signs of the times, and a step toward resumption. Not only are we exporting our corn and cotton, but manufactured articles for which we have not up to this time had an outside market.

THE REPORT of the committee appointed by the Governor to investigate the condition of the colored schools, which will be found in other columns, is a full vindication of the official action of the Board of School Trustees, and entire justification of the course of the REPUBLICAN in the master.

THE GROWTH OF THE DISTRICT.

The superior advantages which Washington presents for a winter residence are too obvious to all those in the habit of occasionally visiting the national capital to need particular mention in this article.

Its salubrious and temperate climate is alike adapted to the health of the natives of the tropics and of the Arctic regions. Representative of all nations, from all portions of the earth, live in Washington and enjoy the best of一切。

Over four-fifths of the whole area of this city is devoted to streets, avenues, parks, triangles, etc., affording the best possible facilities for ventilation, with pure air, and for the cultivation of shade trees, flowers and grass plots. This is nearly double the street area of any other Atlantic city or of the cities of Europe.

The District of Columbia has now very little, if any, shade of one hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants during the winter months, and the weather is still more temperate than at any former period.

And this increase is of a permanent and healthy character, based upon its advantages of climate, the eradication of the idea of the removal of the capital, the bountiful supply of pure water, the improvement of streets and the tasteful ornamentation of parks and squares, rendering them more beautiful than those of any other city in the country, and the numerous attractions that surround a national capital.

The sessions of Congress always attract a large transient population who come upon business affairs, while other multitudes visit the capital from motives of curiosity, amusement and instruction.

Washington is rapidly accumulating material of the utmost interest to the student.

The Library of Congress, now amounting to about two hundred thousand volumes—the largest, most varied in its contents, and the best arranged for reference in the world.

It is now the repository for all copyrighted publications, and is, therefore, being daily enriched with copies of all new issues from the press.

The Army Medical Museum is the fullest and rarest in the country, if not in the world, and is invaluable to the student of surgery. The Smithsonian Institution, the Patent Office, the Signal and Weather Bureau and the National Observatory, are all daily besieged by crowds of visitors in search of instruction. Our universities and medical schools are of a nation-wide character, from these causes.

The thousand new dwelling-houses have been constructed since the taking of the last census. Their aggregate cost is estimated at over ten millions of dollars.

More than seventy-five per cent. of them are built of brick and are supplied with water and gas.

The streets of the District are underlaid with one hundred and twenty-five miles of water-pipe for the distribution of the pure water of the upper Potomac among the inhabitants.

Few houses are now provided for the benefit of the poorer classes. Only such consumers pay water-rate as take the water upon their own premises.

The Board of Public Works have laid over one hundred miles of sewers during the last three years, including about twelve miles of brick walls with arched roofs, varying from eight to thirty-two feet in the clear, the remainder being of pipe or tile. They have also excavated, graded and paved many carriage-ways, and, of course, aggregate roads, some hundred miles of streets. In these lateral sewer-pipes, water-pipes and gas-pipes have been laid to the curb in front of every building or lot, so that connections may be made for the benefit of the occupants of each house without excavating the streets or disturbing the pavements. The engineer's office has file perfect charts of all these under-ground ramifications, so that by reference to the files plumbers and gasfitters may know exactly where to lay their pipes.

The carriages are now provided for the improvement of the roads.

The engineering department of the District is the best in the country.

The post-office system secures the note-holder against loss so completely that notes of broken banks are at a premium, but it does not complete the requirements—it fails to grant immunity from loss at the hands of depositors.

At present no bank in the country has been established into any of the savings departments as has been in the administration of the four years past, and to John A. Cresswell the country is indebted to a degree beyond any of his predecessors.

In view of his achievements it is not surprising that he now proposes to advance a step further and give the people a new advantage that will strip the money-gamblers of a considerable portion of their gains.

He has proposed to the people a plan of Conservative management which have produced his success.

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